

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 25, 2012

Meeting called to order by County Board Chair John Molinaro at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Pam Rogers, George Jaeckel, Ed Morse
Others present were: John Molinaro, Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, Captain Scott

Absent: Dwayne Morris

Compliance with open meetings law: John Molinaro assured compliance.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by Paul Babcock that the March 23, 2012 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Election of Officers: George Jaeckel nominated Paul Babcock for the position of committee chair which was seconded by Pam Rogers. No other nominations were made. Pam Rogers motioned for a unanimous ballot and George Jaeckel seconded. Motion carried.

A nomination made by Pam Rogers for George Jaeckel for the position of vice chair was seconded by Ed Morse. No other nominations were made. Pam Rogers made a motion for a unanimous ballot and Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried.

Pam Rogers then nominated Ed Morse for the position of secretary. The nomination was seconded by George Jaeckel. No other nominations were received. Pam Rogers made a motion for a unanimous ballot and George Jaeckel seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Management – New Position Request: There has been discussion about making the position in Emergency Management full time for a few years partly because the position requires a large amount of training. Right now the position is shared with the Parks Department (about 60/40). The Parks Department is requesting a full-time position and, if it is approved, Kim will likely take that position. In that case, Donna would need a replacement. The Emergency Management position would not start out as a program director position as it is now but would be more of a clerk/secretary position at first. Later, the position could be re-evaluated. Everything is contingent on the budget.

John Molinaro commented that they are looking at some options. The budget right now does not support adding positions since that funding is ongoing and, as far as he knows, the county is still at a 0% levy increase.

Grants – Status of ongoing or new grants: The Sheriff is working on the propane grant again. There was a short window for applying and the grant funding would be a little over \$40,000.00. The propane systems for the new Tahoes are already EPA certified and the Sheriff's Office has them ordered but haven't received them yet. He also will be applying for a Canadian Pipeline grant and

others that the Sheriff's Office may qualify for.

Chief Deputy Parker mentioned the Disparate Jurisdiction grant that Watertown Police Department applies for in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office. The grant is through the Office of Justice Assistance and the Sheriff's Office will receive about \$4,800.00 towards some small equipment purchases (two metal detectors-one for under water-and an alarm type system).

John Molinaro mentioned that he would also like to see an eventual position created just for finding and helping departments in the county qualify/apply for grants.

Report from the Sheriff: Sheriff Milbrath talked about developing a volunteer pool for the county, especially for Emergency Management, but also for other departments (such as the Veterans Dept.). This week, Donna and Kim are at training to learn to set up this type of program. Mr. Molinaro added that he would like to have a volunteer coordinator position in the county as well. The program would be a great benefit to the county. Human Services also has a very good volunteer system at this time.

The Town of Koshkonong is looking at some contracting policing. It would be a limited number of hours like the Town of Sumner and would be flexible. Deputies sign up for shifts and their wages are ultimately paid by the town. Deputies also keep logs to show what activities they do while on duty for the town.

The Sheriff is still working through the Emergency Management courses. He is Donna's back up.

Pam Rogers asked about the changeover to the Tahoes and the propane systems for them. Two of the Tahoes have been outfitted so far and they have propane tanks installed in them but the Sheriff's Office hasn't received the systems yet from Impco.

The Sheriff mentioned that the jail kitchen has had about \$26,000.00 of donated food items through April.

Review monthly bills and financial items: The committee approved the monthly recap report for February bills in the amount of \$236,508.09. March bills totaled: \$211,607.66. April bills totaled: \$224,535.84. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Chief Deputy Parker went through the current budget figures. So far, expenditures are on target or under. He also mentioned that they may possibly go above the revenue projections for the jail.

In addition, he said the Sheriff went to the Infrastructure Committee regarding the new storage building and the site inspection on the Annex building. The okay has been given for GMA Associates to do a study on some possible major structural issues with the building (cost will be about \$3,800.00 for the study). The \$150,000.00 in budget funding appropriated for the outside structural part of the new storage building will be placed on hold until the study is completed. The rest of the funding for the storage building (finishing) will be budgeted for next year. Total cost for the storage building is approximately \$263,000.00.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for March and April totaling \$10,571.26. The total includes educational costs for the inmates, an inspection for the emergency generator, and other upkeep for the jail. The Sheriff explained the jail assessment fund for the new committee member.

The committee set the fourth Friday of each month for the Law Enforcement Committee meeting. Meetings will start at 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting date is Friday, June 22, 2012.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:31 a.m., was seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 5 Lost: 0.

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